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Dear Gale:

I'm writing this to you privately because, due to its nature, it should be kept off normal lines.

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The situation is that my wife, Joyce, is very distraught because she is being asked (or ordered) to do illegal actions, and other actions which she is not sure of as to their legality or future ramifications.

She has talked to me, and it is good she did, because of her concerns, because she did not get what she felt were straight answers from others connected to her project, and because she knew I had a certain amount of legal understanding.

You undoubtedly know that she is on a project to get all the US Scientology missions to reaffiliate with SMI.

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One of the actions is to get mission holders and board members to sign various documents, proxies, board minutes, etc. She has already had several people sign these. They were backdated documents. That is, they were signed in 1981, but dated as if the signing took place, in some other years, eg. 1975.

This is fraudulent and illegal.

She has not been sleeping well nor eating well because of her continuous anxieties. She has had night mares recently which she never had previously.

I have questioned her about what she considers illegal. She mentioned knowing that the "OK SMI Int" stamp and authority for SMI, which is supposed to be a foreign corporation, is at CMO Int, on US soil.

She also mentioned that SMI Int, supposed to be very separate from the C of S of C, is ordering the "cleaning up" of the mission (currently CSC affiliates) corporate papers.

Questioning her further, I found she is deeply concerned because she has seen some LRH orders on the establishment of SMI, including its setup as a foreign corporation, which to her indicate his involvement, if not control.

She has a fear that this could come up in some legal involvement, and if questioned, she would not know how to answer and LRH would be put at risk.

The same is true on the other points mentioned above. She does not know that what she is doing, or others are doing, is legal, cannot reconcile the various contrary facts and could not answer "on the stand".

She cited the attitude the Church has apparently taken regarding the "DC 11", where they have now been labelled by us (in addition to the US Courts) as "criminal". She feels that her actions are not much different from theirs (i.e., "misguided") and in any legal entanglement regarding SMI she could likewise have the organization's support withdrawn and "be thrown to the wolves".

She does not want to do anything illegal or shady, and did not get into Scientology or the Sea Org to do such. Nor does she want to put others at future risk in this way.

I, frankly, do not know how to assuage her anxieties because we, frankly, should not be involved in anything "illegal" or even faintly shady. And we should not expect any staff member to do such.

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She is not trained in "legal" and does not have the legal acumen to be certain of what is or is not "legal" or of the long range effects of the actions she is involved in.

Her confidence in the organization and her future have been seriously shaken.

That's one side of the picture, but I think a very real one, and a situation demanding immediate rectification.

What I want to happen, therefore, is to get Joyce out of that area and doing something which is constructive, of long range value, and legal.

I would definitely not put her in the SMI liaison office here because she is also unsure of that area. She does not trust the integrity of certain people in the office having found instances where they have regged for and received money directly, despite this

being a critical legal point in the SMI setup, and the people involved being briefed on its illegality. It's a very delicate situation.

Moreover, she was the head of the SMI organization for some time and subsequently was in charge of the US office so would be an obvious target in any IRS or legal look into SMI.

I am therefore requesting that Joyce be assigned to the LRH Biography project and work with me. In addition to just getting her out of the SMI environment, the following points are important to consider in this posting:

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1. The LRH Biography is the most important PR activity we are involved in. The real "protection of LRH" will not be a legal sheltering, but his wide public acceptance. This book will be the major contributing factor. Its PR results for LRH and the organization are very far-reaching.

2. My area vitally needs help. We are nearing the due date for the book and there is an immense amount of research still to be done. I have over 100 interview tapes to be transcribed. I have been the only person involved with the project for the past year, and I know that without help there is no way I can get it done on time. The project deserves assistance. Joyce is a fast typist and can do shorthand.

3. Joyce would be a tremendous PR asset in the office because:

a. she is honest (which has been a vital part missing with PR people up to now, and has resulted in many of the problems we (the organization and LRH) are involved in.

b. she is very good at handling public. (She handles mission holders very well and they trust her (which is another reason she should not be involved with anything the least bit felonious in the SMI area). And she has performed very well when I've met LRH's relatives and other contacts with her.)

c. she is an excellent researcher. (I put her through her paces for three weeks in the midwest tracking down genealogy leads, and I've not found another with her grasp of biographical data and research.)

d. it is an area which I keep scrupulously legal. This has been my modus operandi for all my Sea Org years and on many posts closely connected with legal situations. I have always resisted attempts to get me involved in shady actions for short range products and opted for legality with long range return.)

e. it is an area in which she can see the value of her actions and products and regain a feeling of her own worth as a person, and faith in the organization.

I would therefore request that Joyce be assigned to the biography project.

Please let me know as soon as possible as I am concerned, not only for Joyce's well-being, but the various other organizations and corporations being put at risk.

Much love,

Gerry

PS: I've attached a proposed personnel order, which would have to come from you.

PPS: Joyce knows I'm writing this. She was not sure who to go to about and felt she didn't have the lines. So, it hasn't been communicated to anybody.

PERSONNEL ORDER

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In order to support production on the LRH Biography Research Pjt. and to ensure the needed research is done by the author's deadline, JOYCE ARMSTRONG is assigned as Research Admin.

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